

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2006. Applicant hereby elects Species I (e.g., see Figs. 2-4, for example and without limitation), without traverse. At least claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 read on Species I.

Claim 1 defines over the cited art for the reasons set forth in the PTO filing of November 17, 2005. In particular, claim 1 requires that “a terminal portion of the spare wiring is composed of first and second portions that are separated and electrically isolated from each other.” For example and without limitation, Figs. 2-3 illustrate first and second portions 51a, 51b of a terminal portion of a spare wiring being electrically isolated from each other. This is advantageous, for example and without limitation, in that it is possible to prevent or reduce electrostatic charge entering through the first portion 51a from flowing through to the second portion 51b and a spare wiring 50 connected thereto. In the example case which necessitates the spare wiring to function, the first portion 51a may be electrically connected to the second portion 51b.

Nagata fails to disclose or suggest the aforesaid underlined and quoted portion of claim 1. In particular, in Fig. 9 of Nagata the different terminal portions of spare wirings 57 are not electrically isolated from one another, thereby teaching directly away from the invention of claim 1. It will be appreciated that Nagata is entirely unrelated to the invention of claim 1 in at least this respect.

Claim 6 requires “*an open space is formed in the tape carrier package, and a part of the first portion, a portion separating the first and second portions, and a part of the second portion are exposed to external atmosphere via the open space.*” For example and without limitation, Fig. 3 illustrates an open space 31 formed in a tape carrier package, and parts of the first and

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second portions 51a, 51b of the spare wiring are exposed to external atmosphere via the open space 31. The cited art fails to disclose or suggest these features of claim 6.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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